

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1793**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Art Unit : 1793  
Examiner : Jessee Randall Roe  
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Title : HOT-ROLLED STEEL STRIP FOR HIGH  
: STRENGTH ELECTRIC RESISTANCE  
: WELDING PIPE AND MANUFACTURING  
: METHOD THEREOF

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**RESPONSE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**Sir:**

In response to the Official Action dated November 9, 2007, Applicants amend the

**Application as follows:**